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H. R. 5585

To provide a statutory waiver of compliance with the Jones Act to foreign-flagged vessels assisting in responding to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2010

Mr. CARTER (for himself, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. OLSON, Mr. DJOU, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. BOYD, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. HARPER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Water Assistance from
5 International Vessels for Emergency Response Act” or the
6 “WAIVER Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVERS.**

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, section
3 12112 and chapter 551 of title 46, United States Code,
4 shall not apply to any vessel documented under the laws
5 of a foreign country while that vessel is engaged in con-
6 tainment, remediation, or associated activities in the Gulf
7 of Mexico in connection with the mobile offshore drilling
8 unit Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

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